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Hooks declares L.A. Police Chief must go!

by Freddie Robinson



of more than 1100 adults and youths, NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks began gently listing failures of African Americans who don't support the organization. Saying to the delegates how the historical origin and enduring presence of the NAACP moved America towards its promised democratic principles and the opening up of economic opportunities for those blacks who are prepared, Hooks commented, "But now [there are] blacks working in

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FROM THE STATE HOUSE

Brown bill approved ordering colleges to divest in South Africa

New Jersey colleges and universities would not receive state aid unless they divest of investments in South Africa, under legislation approved by the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

The bill (A-1052), sponsored by Assembly Speaker Pro Tem Willie B. Brown (D-Essex), was the sponsor of the landmark 1985 state law ordering the state pension funds to divest of securities in any firm doing business in South Africa.

"We can never protest the harsh racial policies of South Africa too loudly," said Brown. "This bill expands upon the commitment that New Jersey made in 1985 and will send another strong signal that our state is committed to ending racism wherever it exists."

The bill would apply to all public and private higher education institutions in the state. The schools would have two years to divest of investments directly or indirectly linked to the Republic of South Africa. Brown, who recently visited South Africa, said the legislation would require institutions to file lists of all investments linked to South Africa with the state. The lists would be due within 30 days of the enactment of the bill. Institutions would file updated lists every five months until they complete the divestiture process.

"Having seen the conditions in South Africa just a few months ago, I am convinced of the need for additional sanctions like these," said Brown.

Governor signs rules to defer tax filing for Pérsion Gulf forces

Governor Jim Florio signed an emergency regulation which would allow all New Jersey military personnel serving in the Persian Gulf an extension of 180 days (six months) after the end of their combat service to file state income tax returns.

Just days after the war began, Governor Florio announced he intended to take this action. He proposed this extension as well as the exemption of all military pay from state income taxes. He said at the time that Council's Office would determine if the actions could be taken by emergency rules or through legislation.

"First and foremost, we want our men and women to come home safely. We want families reunited and we want their lives to return to normal."

Governor signs landmark Ethics Bill

Governor Jim Florio today recently signed a law that requires local public officials to comply with a strict code of ethical standards. The bill addresses conflicts of interest and post-employment restrictions, and requires financial disclosure for all to

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Tucker calls for ethnic balance in ward alignment

NEWARK—Newark Municipal Councilman At Large, Donald Tucker, expressed concern over the absence of Black/Latino representation on the (Newark) Ward Commission, which will balance the number of residents population in all Wards across the City of Newark. "In a City which has a majority Black/Latino population, the absence of the groups which make up the majority, on a commission which makes decisions important to the lives of this majority population, is grossly wrong," he stated. "I don't think it was planned that way, but the bottom line is we have to have to work to add balance or there could be problems. As it stands now, there is a question of ob-

jectivity in the process. There are no minorities listed, not even on a staff level."

Tucker explained that the Ward Commission consists of the four (4) Governor-appointed members from the County Board of Elections and the Municipal Clerk. Sitting on this Commission are: Chairperson Laurie Clark, Irvington; Pat Sobol, Livingston; Carmen Granaio, Newark; Eleanor Lemaldi, West Orange; and City Clerk Robert Mansson, Newark.

Within the next 30 to 60 days, the Ward Commission will decide upon the upcoming realignment of Wards within the City, to make the populations in all Wards come within ten percent of each other.

With the current census figures, the North and Central Ward would be most affected: the North ward with 62,156 residents could stand to lose around 7,000 residents and the Central Ward with 44,448 residents could stand to gain around 9,000 residents. "The impact could be significant for these areas, as well as other Wards, yet the Commission making the decisions about the realignment does not reflect the populations of the City," Tucker explained. Therefore, I am requesting that the Ward Commission hold public hearings for citizen input city-wide, before they come up with any recommendations on realigning the Ward borders. This is the only way we can balance this process; they have to reach out to residents, encouraging their participation, input and feedback."

He also expressed the same concern about the realignment of Essex County Freeholder Dis-

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Namibia marks first year

by Owen McKinney

(NNPA)—Pundits said it couldn't be done. Foes hoped it would stop. Supporters quietly had their doubts. But despite all the obstacles, independent Namibia marks its first year with a score card of successes.

The former South African colony, torn by war, apartheid and underdevelopment, has defied predictions of doom. The multiracial, multi-party democracy offers a model to neighboring South Africa where the struggle for

majority rule is far from over. Former leaders of the exiled guerrilla movement sit at the table in Parliament with former caretakers of the South African administration.

In a recent state-of-the-nation address, Namibian President Sam Nujoma applauded the strides in Namibia including the forging of a disparate coalition which comprises the Parliament. "Clashes of opinion are not necessarily seen as a cause for division but a sign of freedom of views," Nujoma

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Coalition for Low Income Housing reports delay in NHA new housing starts

NEWARK—The Newark Housing Authority (NHA) is behind schedule to construct 465 public housing units as set forth by a 1989 Settlement Agreement, reports the Newark Coalition for Low Income Housing (NCLIH), a non-profit community based organization dedicated to increasing the supply of public housing in Newark. "Since May 1987, there has only been one single housing unit built," said Donald Tucker, Newark Councilman-At-Large and a Coalition Trustee. The Settlement Agreement approved by Federal District Court between the parties and the U.S. Depart-

ment of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), resulted from a lawsuit filed by the Newark Coalition for Low-Income Housing. The agreement calls for one of the largest public housing new construction programs in the nation.

Under the agreement's first stage, the NHA must begin construction of four projects totaling 465 units before demolishing four buildings at the now vacant Columbus Homes. Last July, the NHA submitted a construction schedule to the Judge stating that

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UCC to close campuses

CRANFORD — Four major actions were taken by the Board of Trustees of Union County College, March 26, designed to help close an estimated \$2.97 million 1991-92 budget gap.

The Board voted not to respond to 6 persons to the faculty, adopted a Terminal Leave and Reduced Load Plan for faculty, and a Terminal Leave Plan for non-faculty, and voted to close the Plainfield Center for Summer sessions I and II and to close the Scotch Plains Campus for Summer Session II.

Dr. Thomas H. Brown, president, reported he will bring to the

Board of Trustees in April a plan to discontinue low enrollment programs and a Reduction in Force Plan, also designed to help alleviate the 1991-92 budget shortfall.

Dr. Brown reported the \$2.97 million budget gap results from an eight percent cut in state aid, a reduction in the county appropriation of about \$400,000 and increased costs resulting from salary increases, mandated health benefits payments, increased cost of non-salary items, and increased

debt service resulting from the opening of the new Commons Building on the Cranford Campus.

"Our primary problem is a decrease in state aid for the third consecutive year: two percent in 1989-90, 11 percent in 1990-91, and eight percent in 1991-92," Dr. Brown said. "We anticipate that state aid in 1991-92 will provide only 18 percent of our total revenues, while state law mandates that the state should provide at

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Commentary We, as a people, are remiss

by Edward Long

1865, supposedly, marked the beginning of a new era in Black America. The Civil War ended, the Emancipation Proclamation issued, which insured that those subjected to slavery were free. The physical chains were removed but the psychological chains remain to this day. The struggle for acceptance into the mainstream of American life has been continuous and fraught with obstacles. Men have died so our youth could enjoy the benefits of a good, sound, solid education. What has happened? We have allowed the incompetent and mediocre individuals to dominate

our institutions and neighborhoods. These individuals are parasites who do not care whether or not our children measure up or achieve to their potential. They prey on and bleed our community of its substance.

We, as a people, are remiss, because we allow anything and everything to go in our community. Anyone can come into our community and do whatever they please with impunity. We allow them to sell drugs, molest our women, abuse our children, deface our property and we will not raise one peep. An individual with no credentials or with questionable reputation can exploit our people for personal gain and be accepted with open arms.

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Plainfield must revise budget to meet new state law

Denise Germain

PLAINFIELD—At Plainfield's City Council's work session this past Monday, the city's auditors informed the council that a 6-month budget would have to be introduced by April 4 to meet

The city will also have to raise some of the needed revenue by "bonding." The 6-month plan is based on what the city spent in the first 6 months of 1990. It won't include state aid as revenue. The city will have to estimate its

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Newark Mayor Sharpe James recently swore in 15 newly-appointed commissioners of Veterans Affairs: (l-r, first row) Hadren Simmons, Clarence Jackson, Sal Balsitieri, Reverend Ernest Sutton, Joseph Menella, Moses Noel, (second row) John Hamilton, Herbert Austin, Herb Johnson, Carl McDonald, Elmer Jackson, Mayor James, Carlton Hicks, Roger Ligon, Dorciele Lee, Edward Staugallies, and City Clerk, Robert Morasco.

CITY PEOPLE

People on the move...

Linda Egge of Newark has been promoted from assistant dean of academic advising and support services to dean of students at Bloomfield College, Bloomfield. **Esmeralda Vargas** of Irvington has been appointed director of English As a Second Language Program at Bloomfield College, Bloomfield. **Sandra N. Herbert** of Englewood has become associated with the Newark based law firm of Stryker, Tams & Dill and will be part of the firm's litigation department. **Christine M. Johnson**, NJDOT Assistant Commissioner for Policy and Planning, has been named "Woman of the Year" by the Greater New York Chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS).

Plainfield Jaycees select service award recipients

The Plainfield Jaycees have selected **Izetta Plummer**, **Ernie Scott**, **Donald Van Blake**, **Carl Forester** and **Jon Bramnick**, as recipients of the 1990-91 Distinguished Service Award, in recognition of their service and dedication to the City of Plainfield and its people.

A banquet will be held at the Willow in Greenbrook to honor these recipients on June 1, 1991. The public, family and friends are invited. For information call 908-561-8244.



Donald Van Blake



Ernie Scott



Carl Forester



Jon Bramnick

Izetta Plummer



Deputy County Manager Harold Gibson of Plainfield, 2nd left, was recently honored by Union County Freeholder Chairman James Connelly Welsh, far right, along with Freeholder Vice Chairman Elmer Erdi, far left, Freeholder Walter McLeod, 2nd right, and County Manager Ann Baran, in recognition of his 30 years of government service.



Essex County Freeholder Larry Jones (right) presents check to Bill Oliver, East Orange coordinator of the Youth Games. The Youth Games involve high school athletes across the country in track & field, basketball, volleyball, bowling and other events. The site of this summer's Youth Games is Atlanta, Ga.

photo by Glen Frieson

Coping

by

Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Shyness

Many shy people are emotionally tortured by their shyness. They think they are not normal. This perception drives them away from people and into isolation. So the person who isolates himself actually loses some of the skills that are needed to interact with other people. They can lose their normality, in this way.

What is shyness, and what causes it? The infant is very inquisitive and very uninhibited. And, being unaware of danger, investigates everything from the knobs on the television set to the parent's breakable plates and dishes. The infant might even try to eat the salt and pepper shakers. At this time (between ages 1-3), the child does everything without considering (or, even, being aware of) the consequences. He is completely unrestrained and uninhibited. Fearing that the child will hurt himself (or ruin valuable property) the parents reprimand him by saying: "Stop, don't do that. You are a bad child."

After the child hears this criticism over and over again, he begins to think of himself as a bad child and thinks of all of the trouble that he could possibly cause by doing anything, at all. So, before doing anything else, he says to himself, "I am a bad child, so what damage will I cause if I do anything?"

Before he was reprimanded, he never questioned his behavior. Now, after having been constantly criticized about his behavior, he thinks of himself in negative terms and criticizes himself before doing anything, even before doing good things.

When he becomes an adult,

the negative experiences that he had as a child are deeply implanted in his subconscious and he not only questions his behavior, but he criticizes it. He thinks, "I am a dumb person and I will make a fool of myself, so I am not going to do anything at all unless I am certain that I will not be criticized or laughed at." Since anything that he might do could be criticized, he refuses to carry out normal behaviors.

His opinion of himself is so negative that he is too emotionally unstable to tolerate even the slightest criticism. If he has even the most minute impression that someone will not like him, he will try to avoid them. If he cannot avoid them, he will do everything possible to make them like him. Such a person may be so overwhelmingly courteous that you might find his courteous behavior disgusting. You will reject him and this will just make him even shyer.

He will be tormented by sleepless nights if he has a mild disagreement with someone. He will refuse to go to a job interview because he "knows" that he will be rejected. He will refuse to approach a young lady because of a fear of rejection.

To sum it up, shyness is the result of childhood rejection and constant reprimands. Everyone exhibits some degree of shyness or, to put it differently, everyone fears being rejected and will avoid situations that are challenging and unpredictable. Even some people who appear to be extremely confident use this "act" as a means of hiding or disguising their overwhelming shyness.

Recognizing Those Who Dare To Soar

CITY NEWS EAGLE AWARD recipient

Leonard Coleman

Of the philosophies and descriptions Len Coleman uses to characterize himself, one is conspicuous — "conservative." The term betrays him.

The 42-year-old Montclair native is a Senior Vice President at Kidder-Peachbody, President of the Boys and Girls Club of Newark, Director of the Bishop Tutu Scholarship Fund, and Chairman of the One-to-One program.

A high school football All-American from Montclair High, the former halfback, along with past professional stars Franco Harris and Jack Tatum, comprised the 1967 All State backfield. He was the first African-American to score a touchdown for Princeton University, lived in Kenya four years, and worked as a Management Consultant for 17 years on the African continent.

For some, these worthy credentials might depict the upbringing of conservatism, appearing to have been wrought more from an Ivy League mindset than the early pragmatism he preaches.

The problem comes with the Lester Bowie Principal. The jazz trumpeter said, "The real revolutionary is one who isn't apparent."

While Len Coleman's success is as apparent as a 2 Live Crew concert at Mormon headquarters, and may or may not draw a conservative portrait, his prescription for the myriad woes of African-Americans speaks to radical action needed on the part of his people and is not so clearly seen.

"We have to get into the economic mainstream," he notes. "There has to be a balance

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between the public sector and the private sector, especially in the Northeast. Atlanta provides a visible example. It's a pure fact that minority businesses hire minority people.

"And you still cannot down play racism," he continued. "That obviously is a major factor. As a group we have to pressure the system. It just doesn't happen. People don't yield power voluntarily."

The "conservative" tag is clearly a misnomer. The harnessed passion with which he speaks underscores the pressing call to action he makes to black America.

"We need to be involved in more boards of directors," he says. "And we have to continue to

strengthen minority institutions. That's why the City News is so important. You have to have your own media."

Translated, African-Americans must portray their own images and preferences. The fact that for many this piece is an introduction to Len Coleman is proof of that necessity. Front page fame left Len soon after those glory days of 1967, although success continued to be a companion.

It is not the front page he focuses on, however. That is not where board decisions are found, or where stocks are bought and sold, or where quarterly profits are revealed. And it is not where the Len Colemans, sons football cleats, are found.

The Randall Cunninghams and Magic Johnsons are not accidental, and neither is Len Coleman. "Every step you take in life is because someone has influenced you," the father of three offers. "As a society and as a race we must go in and mentor and share ourselves (with young people)."

City News is proud to have Len Coleman as its first recipient of the City News Eagle award recognizing the contributions of positive role models in the community. The increased spotlight on those stars among us who do not pack the Meadowlands will increase the chances of more African-Americans appearing on the boards of directors which Len believes is necessary for progress.

When that happens, it will be anything but the result of conservatism.

Newark BOE schools parent programs

NEWARK—The following lists the Newark Board of Education office of Cluster Schools Program Parent Forums:

Raising a Street Smart Child: Practices for Safety Neighborhood and Community presented by Sgt. John Barnes, Sgt. Frank Podilla, and Det. Geraldine Foushee, 4-24 at Quinlan Street.

Parent's Legal Rights in the Public Education Setting, presented by Attorney Moonyne Jackson at Warren, 5-22.

Parent Talent Show presented by the Central Ward Parents at Cleveland, 6-12.

All sessions start at 5:45 P.M. Dinner will be served. For more information call: 733-6954

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UNION—Adult Advisory Services' free workshops at 10 a.m. for adults considering entering or re-entering college at Union College. For information call 201-927-2210.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

JERSEY CITY—"Up, Up, and Away" the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Literacy Science Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Hupburn Hall. For information call 201-947-5994.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

MILBURN—Infant care classes at Milburn Regional Medical Center, Randolph Road and Park Avenue, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information call 908-668-2353.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

UNION—Adult Advisory Services' free workshops at 5 p.m. for adults considering entering or re-entering college at Union College. For information call 201-927-2210.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

PLAINFIELD—Refreshers Laminare course also on the 17th & 18th at Mulberry Regional Medical Center, Randolph Road and Park Avenue, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information call 908-668-2353.

PLAINFIELD—Three part cooking course sponsored by the Diabetes Center of NJ for individuals on a low-fat, low-sodium or low-sugar diet. Class begins at 7 p.m. at Mulberry Regional Medical Center, Randolph Road and Park Ave., from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information call 201-935-9555.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

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SUNDAY, APRIL 14

CRANFORD—Union County College will hold an International Cultural Festival from noon to 5 p.m. on the Cranford Campus. For information call 908-709-7552.






















































TUESDAY, APRIL 15

PLAINFIELD—Infant care classes at Mulberry Regional Medical Center, Randolph Road and Park Avenue, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information call 908-668-2353.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

ENGLEWOOD—The African American Club of New York and New Jersey will sponsor a trip to Fort Kent's Dull and Toy Museum and Lunch at Sylvia's Restaurant in New York. Depart Englewood Public Library. Fee \$30. For information call 201-568-4709.

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Tinactin Jock Itch Cream 5.5 oz. tube  \$6.29	Medi-Flu Caplets 4 oz. box  \$4.99	Medi-Flu Liquid 8 oz. bott.  \$5.69	Benadryl Plus Tablets 24 ct. pkg.  \$5.19	Benylin Expectorant 4 oz. bott.  \$4.49	Nostrilla 12 Hour Nasal Spray 0.25 oz. pump  \$4.79	Robitussin PE 4 oz. bott.  \$3.79	Robitussin CF 4 oz. bott.  \$3.79	Robitussin Night Relief 4 oz. bott.  \$3.79
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Editorial Time to Cooperate

We are pleased to see the spontaneous responses to *City News* and the talented people who have presented themselves to us because they seek a forum for expression. We appreciate your letters, commentary, and suggestions. Keep sending us your comments and ideas to better *City News*. Our dream is that we will become the newspaper you will be proud to call your newspaper because we are discussing the issues and reporting the news that you need to hear.

We are in one of the most critical times in history, and it should be clear to everyone that a strong viable newspaper is needed so that our concerns, achievements, voices can be shared. This is not the season for rugged individualism; rather it is the season for cooperative development and growth. By now it should be clear to most of us that we are all in this together. If we are to build a strong economic base in the cities more African-Americans must become comfortable with such tasks of building partnerships.

Give Gulf vets preference on police forces

The Persian Gulf War has just ended but the "Urban Street" war hasn't even started. It is time we declare a real war on urban street crime. Since military who fought in the Persian Gulf did such a great job, perhaps they should be given priority status to fill vacancies on urban police force.

We as a people

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The African-American community has the potential to be a vibrant, self-sufficient community capable of superior government. Our schools have the capability of delivering an excellent, quality education; however, African-Americans must purge the system of mediocre leadership. In our schools, the good teachers must put the marginal teacher on notice they must measure up, rather than look the other way. Good teachers are not on notice because the marginal teacher is rewarded for their mediocrity. This is not only applies to teachers but administrators as well.

As a community, African-Americans have always raised their children—where did we go wrong? The children are our most valuable asset. An asset that we have invested heavily in and must nurture to cope in a "Hi-Tech" society and we can't do it with a "no-touch" philosophy.

The pages of history are full of African-Americans who paid the price—Frederick Douglass walked to freedom and was a leading abolitionist; Crispus Attucks, the first African-American to die in the Revolutionary War; Prince Whipple, an African-American soldier in the boat with George Washington when he crossed the Delaware River; the African-American soldiers of the 54th Massachusetts Infantry (Volunteers) in the Civil War; The "Buffalo Soldiers" of the 9th and 10th Cavalry (Horse); the

24th and 25th Infantry Divisions; The 92nd and 93rd Infantry Divisions. The 92nd Infantry Division was annihilated on D-Day during World War II. The Bobby Seale, the Huey Newton, the Eldridge Cleaver, the Malcolm X, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Martin Luther King, Jr. and Representative Mickey Leland and Representative Barbara Jordan of Texas. These are but a few. Every time it was trampled another rose to take the leadership role.

Can you imagine the hearache? Imagine if you will—You know that you possess so much knowledge in your field and you cannot obtain a Doctorate's Degree because the power structure has one too qualified to effectively evaluate your work. Such was the case of Professor Leo Hansberry.

Now that you've had a brief walk through history, let's get back to contemporary times. Responsible, knowledgeable African-American citizens have abdicated their responsibility by walking away from the problem of governance and turned to incompetent, unqualified individuals who are avaricious. These individuals inflame the African-American community with their cries of "racism" when the chips are down and the indictments are in. We have qualified individuals who can take the reins of leadership and be effective. We need you—come out of your cocoon.

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Quote of the Week

"And blacks who say they can't find the NAACP to become a member, but let the police hit him beside his head, he can find the NAACP then, even in the middle of night!"

Benjamin L. Hooks

NAACP Executive Director
from his address to the NAACP Northeast Region's 45th Annual Leadership Training Conference

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by Connie Woodruff

Very few people turn down a gubernatorial appointment because of the prestige it brings to the appointee and because it isn't politically smart to say "thanks, but no thanks" to the President of the United States or the Governor, especially if he's of your political persuasion.

More importantly, it's not protocol to say no to either of these appointing authorities after the fact. It has something to do with them losing face. So one assumes all bases have been touched when an appointee's name is sent to the State Senate for confirmation.

Therefore, we must assume that Mayor L. James, wife of Newark's Mayor, Sharpe James will replace Sally Carroll as a member of the State Police Board when Carroll's current term expires April 30.

Working against a deadline Thursday afternoon, we called city hall to get confirmation of Mrs. James' acceptance from the mayor's press office but they claimed they did not know what was going on and therefore, had no comment. Neither did several other city hallers we called.

Meanwhile other citizens expressed "surprise" at the nomination. Not because Mrs. James may not be able to fill the position but because she has never been considered a "political activist or ally" to anyone other than her husband.

The nominee is a home economics teacher at Harold Wilson

elementary school in Newark and by profession, a long way away from dealing with the criminal element. It's hard to imagine Mary James, who exudes a quiet shyness and reticence to "get involved," visiting state prisons and county jails listening to parole applications.

So one wonders why she was chosen for this particular appointment and who suggested her name to the governor? We can't overlook the fact the job carries an \$82,500 a year salary and it isn't easy for anyone to say no to that kind of money.

As for Sally Carroll, she's been on the board since 1977 and has more years of service than any other board member. At 69, she's probably ready to retire and it's almost certain she won't return to either her first job as a Newark policewoman or her second when

she was a court attendant in the Essex County Sheriff's office. For years Carroll, a former long time resident of Newark NAACP, has devoted an inordinate amount of time to local and national NAACP activities.

Her long time protégé, Keith Jones followed in her footsteps as president of the Newark NAACP branch, and has been a hearing officer at the Parole Board for 11 years. Jones is currently state NAACP president.

Jones admitted having an interest in the post, a natural upward mobile move for him. He said, "I knew there was support for my name and I obviously would have been interested in the position to advance my career path. But I also acknowledge that my mayor's wife is the choice of the Governor and received the nomination, I have to acquiesce to

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It's time to stop pointing fingers and start taking action

African American officials must be held accountable for racial incidents within their jurisdictions

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

Alvin and Venus Hannah have been indicted by the Plainfield Police Department. They have been continually harassed because they will not accept the Plainfield Police Department's version of the death of their oldest son Santana Hannah, while in their custody. They have spent the past year engaged in an ongoing battle to find out the truth about what happened to their son.

Not just for Santana, but for other victims of police brutality.

Now, Venus and Alvin Hannah have had to endure the agony of seeing another person victimized by certain officers of the Plainfield Police Department. Fourteen-year-old Uriah Hannah, was attacked while playing with his remote control car. The police officer apparently didn't like Uriah's response to him, when he told Uriah to move off the corner where he was playing. Never mind the fact that the Hannahs' house is located right near the corner, so where did he expect Uriah to play? Nevertheless, Uriah had a nightstick placed against his neck, and his parents—as any parent would do—tried to intercede when they saw another one of their children being brutalized by a so-called law enforcement official.

Several more officers were called to the scene, and the incident very quickly escalated. Venus Hannah found herself manhandled, and placed in a choke hold by the police. She was 14-year-old Uriah slung into a faint, and as she later recounted to me, when relating the incident, "Sharon, I thought they had killed another one of my sons."

Uriah sustained injuries, his parents were arrested. Fortunately, the focus on the Los Angeles police brutality case involving Rodney King coincided with this latest assault against the Hannah family. I say fortunately, only because the furor over that case, helped to spotlight this latest incident of police brutality in Plainfield, and bring attention to the issue which the Hannahs and other concerned citizens have been speaking out about.

Now, finally, city officials have been forced to at least address the issue which they have tried to ignore. Though Alvin and Venus Hannah have called on Mayor Harold Mitchell, Mr. Leon Adams, Director of Public Affairs and Safety, City Council members, and other in the past, to request an investigation into police action and behavior in the Santana Hannah case, they were rebuffed or put off. While people are now running and trying to take cover, claiming they didn't know, these excuses are unacceptable.

City Council members are pointing their fingers at the Mayor and Mr. Adams. While the criticism about their lackluster leadership roles in dealing with this serious issue is warranted, the blame doesn't rest there alone. Until major media outlets reported on the incident involving

Uriah Hannah and his parents, all were content to keep playing on Plainfield's taxpayers' money, in case after case where settlements were due, in these police brutality cases, without demanding action being taken to deal with this problem.

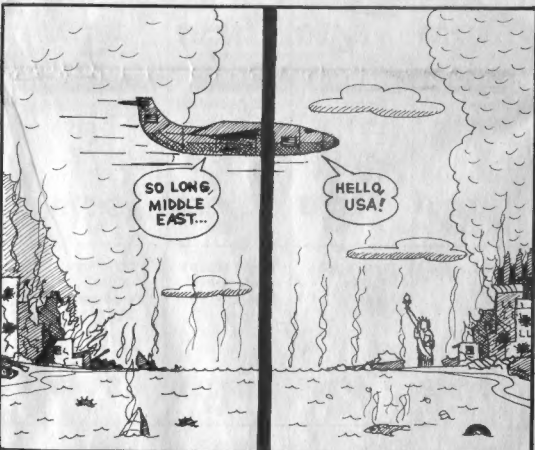
Mayor Harold Mitchell says that the problem is poor training. He believes that police officers have to receive some sensitivity training. I'm sure that this will help; it certainly won't do any harm. But, Mayor Mitchell is going to have to exert more leadership in this area. It is his responsibility to set the tone for his administration. If certain police

officers are out of control, it's because they believe they can continue to disobey and break the law themselves without fear of punishment. They give the whole department a bad name, which is certainly not fair to those officers who risk their lives every day protecting citizens, and upholding their sworn oath of office. They don't deserve the negative and embarrassing publicity, which results from the action of a few rogue cops.

Mr. Leon Adams is going to have to do more than give lip service to solving the problem. He has the responsibility for managing the Police Department, and

Mayor Mitchell needs to start holding him accountable. Chief of Police John Waldron, also needs to take more disciplinary action against police officers who do not want to conform to department rules and regulations. He is in direct contact with the everyday operation of the police department, so he should be expected to demonstrate, through his personal action, the demeanor and tone which he expects his officers to emulate. City Council members, who want to use this opportunity to throw political barbs, need to get their own acts together. They, too, have turned a deaf ear on the

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Child Watch

Teen songwriters write of being parents too soon

Through tears I learned to smile/When pain was my best friend/child with a child/can't be a child again.

by Marian Wright Edelman

That's the powerful chorus of the song that won Traci Todd first prize in the Illinois Parents Too Soon "Rock 'n' Romance Songwriting Contest." The annual contest invites Illinois teens to write the lyrics to a song or rap about the problems resulting from early sexual activity.

"I have known teens in my own school that have gotten pregnant, and becoming a parent too soon has robbed them of their childhood," says Traci, who is a 17-year-old senior at Lincoln Park High School in Chicago. "I hope that teens who hear my song will just think a little more about their actions."

Traci and second place winner Eleni Wright, a senior at Sand-

wich High School, about 65 miles southwest of Chicago, have professionally recorded their entries as part of winning the contest. About 150 participating radio stations throughout the state have agreed to play the tapes on the air. The radio stations also helped promote the contest by playing public service announcements and talking about the contest on the air, and by distributing entry forms.

Parents Too Soon is the state of Illinois' program to discourage teenage pregnancy and reduce the health risks and other negative consequences associated with teen pregnancy and parenting. More than 125 community-based health and social service agencies participate in Parents Too Soon, which directly served more than 51,000 teens in 1988.

The songwriting contest is a way of reaching out to teens, says Linda Miller, program director of Parents Too Soon. "The obvious choice was popular music, radio, and disc jockeys," she says. Schools also are notified of the contest and teachers are asked to make the songwriting contest part of a classroom exercise. There were 1,000 entries in 1990.

Traci agrees that the contest is a good way to reach teenagers. She says, "Kids listen to the radio a lot, and they pay attention when they hear something meaningful." Traci herself found out about the contest through her school bulletin board and decided to enter at the last minute because she likes to write poetry, and teen pregnancy seemed to be a worthwhile topic. "I tried to empathize with the pressures someone in this situa-

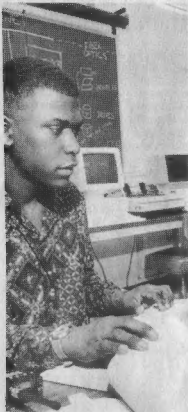
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YOUTH / EDUCATION / SUCCESS

yes CAN'T TOUCH THIS

Yo-Yo raps for the intelligent black woman's coalition

Ham Radio links Science High student with events in the Persian Gulf



HOBOKEN — Sixteen-year-old Eric Hicks heard of the first Iraqi bombings of Israel minutes before the event was broadcast on network news. The news traveled from a Jerusalem radio station via a sophisticated ham radio system the Science High School junior has built in his Newark home.

Physics and history are Hicks' favorite subjects at Science High and he also enjoys participating in the Stevens Technical Enrichment Program, which helps prepare him for college and a career as an electrical engineer.

Amateur radio has linked Hicks to world events on more than one occasion. During the San Francisco earthquake of 1989, he helped people on the East Coast contact friends and relatives in the West. The hobby has opened new worlds to the enthusiast and has peppered his vocabulary with technical terms and military-sounding acronyms.

Ham radio has enabled him to correspond with peoples of all nations and cultures, as well as make friends close to home in Chatham and Jersey City. He hopes to expand the hobby by starting a ham radio club at school. Hicks obtained his first amateur radio license at age 14 and is now preparing for his Level 3 or General Class license, the third highest of five amateur radio licenses.

The high school junior also enjoys bike riding and plans to rebuild a Volkswagen bug.

by Terry Benjamin

Yo-Yo (Yolanda Whitaker) from South Central Los Angeles joins the ranks of tough talking female rappers with the release of "Make Way For The Motherlode," her debut album on Atlantic records. Founder of the IBWC (Intelligent Black Woman's Coalition), Yo-Yo has put her heart where her mouth is and presents a collection of tracks that promote female self-esteem in hard-core terms. This rapper tells it like it is, especially on tracks like "Girl, Don't Be No Fool" where she raps: Cause ya see I'm more than a softee

I'm here to open your eyes so you can smell the coffee
Guys ain't nothin' but dirt
And they'll flirt with anything
Dressed in a mini-skirt

Yo-Yo places herself squarely in the middle of a philosophical sisterhood where black women look at the world of male/female relationships without rose colored glasses. This viewpoint is sometimes harsh but no one can accuse Yo-Yo of not telling the truth, even when it comes to self-criticism. On "I Got Played" Yo-Yo admits that "things didn't work as planned" when she embarks upon a love journey. And even though she used her "whip appeal" Yo-Yo raps, "I had the wiggle in my walk! And the jiggle in my waist! Guess it all adds up! Got played."

Yo-Yo is more in charge on the musically aggressive and boastful "Stompin To Tha 90's":

I'm cranning the mike down your throat like Listerine
Cause your breath on the mike
Persists to be a duss to me
So I confront it and that's how you wanted it
A showdown of verses and now you get beat

There is more boasting and

Trying to ignore me you're playing yourself
Cause if it wasn't for women you'd be laying yourself

Yo-Yo a lady that's down for mine
And won't hesitate to put yourself in line
If you ain't with me you're behind me
Think about it cause I'm stompin' to tha' 90's

Yo-Yo

The IBWC National Anthem

bragging on "Ain't Nobody Better" and "You Can't Play with My Yo-Yo" where she raps:

I hope you realize just one day
That your week is Monday thru Sunday

So listen to Y-o here's my bio
And next to me you're not fly—no.
But where Yo-Yo shows her serious side is on tracks like "Put A Lid On It":

A lot of my homies are startin' young
And after a while a sad story is sang

And nine months later you feel the flex
When you go from Barbie dolls straight to sex
Now sex is wonderful and all that
Just make sure you don't come up fat

Cause if you get pregnant that ain't cool
And if you do it too much you'll be known as a garden tool.

Even on "Sisterland" Yo-Yo doesn't make reference to some fantasy land of the imagination, she raps on the wild side of reality: This is a new year now you've got to take a stand

And I'm aware everybody wants to find a true man
But a man wants nothin lower than himself

So while you're out there climbing don't forget that extra step
Ladies take a stand I work to plan
This one's for us we're taking it to Sisterland.

YO-YO

"Make Way For The Motherlode" is produced by Sir Jinx, Ice Cube, and Delvon, music makers who give Yo-Yo funky state-of-the-art support, using samples from James Brown, Stevie Wonder, George Clinton and Rufus. Many tracks also feature live instrumen-

tation by Hammi Wave with occasional assistance from Jason White. Yo-Yo with her IBWC is a strong voice for the 90's and it will be interesting to see how many female rappers are inspired by her lead. On this debut LP, Yo-Yo is talking loud and saying something.



Youth from Temple Beth Shalom in Livingston and Abyssinian Baptist church in Newark share item and thoughts during Seder Meal.

PT's clubhouse

It's time to rhyme!

In each list below match the word in the first column to a rhyming word in the second column. Then choose a word pair that best completes the sentences below.

mouse	climb	coat	kin
time	how	car	boat
beat	house	tin	dove
cow	neat	love	far

I live really _____ so you have to use a _____
It will be windy on the _____ so you will have to wear a _____

If you live in a _____ you might have a _____
Each of my _____ put a quarter in his _____

WORD SCRAMBLE

Hint: young ones

nwfa	soggini
kchli	ypupp
byba	miba
etlkn	uch

by Dr. Ronald Prye

PLAINFIELD — The Fifth Annual Spelling Bee in the Plainfield Public Schools could not be hampered by the rain last Saturday. Wind and water did not prevail in keeping nearly 200 grades 4-8 students from participating in this important academic event. By nine in the morning, the Plainfield High School cafeteria was bristling with excitement as registration was occurring and parents, teachers and administrators were sipping coffee and exchanging stories about previous spelling bees and this year's contestants.

All eyes were on spellers from last year who placed high up in the contest and who were competing again this year. Students anxiously waited and watched when known good spellers such as Willie Leak from Woodland School and Darryl Gaskins from Cook School approached the microphone with their usual confidence to spell words like p-e-n-a-s-t-b-l-o-h and p-r-e-c-i-p-a-t-i-o-n.

The Plainfield Spelling Cup and the Grand Championship went to Edwin Reid. He was a formidable contender. Edwin was the 1990 runner-up for the grades 4-6 championship. Now, as a seventh-grader from Hubbard School, he showed more confi-

dence. He said, "I wasn't really worried this year. I had a game plan." His plan worked as he tackled words which can be tricky like, a-p-p-r-e-n-t-i-c-e-s-h-i-p, k-n-o-w-l-e-g-e-a-b-l-e and c-e-n-t-i-m-e-t-e-r. The Grand Champion missed an opportunity to take the trophy with the word s-o-v-e-r-e-i-n-i-t-y but grades 7-8 champion, Francoise Chanoine missed it too. That misspelling put Edwin Reid back into the contest. He did not misspell again.

Edwin Reid is a mild-mannered, low-keyed speller with a good ear and ability to picture

words in his head. He has been participating in spelling contests for four years. Jefferson School gave him his start and he likes to read a good deal. Favorite titles and subjects are Kon Tiki, Life and Times of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., spiders, nature studies and snakes.

Plainfield's spelling champion, who wants to become a stand-up comedian, will represent his district in the Scripps-Howard National Spelling Bee in May. He stated that he has been studying for months for this contest and a neighbor, Luke Isabrecht who at-

tends Rutgers University has been working with him on spelling tips.

Edwin's hobbies include bike-riding, playing Nintendo and kickball with his friends. Additionally, the champion spends a lot of time with his father Eric, wrestling, talking and being advised on how to stay on the right track.

The Plainfield Spelling Bee had a record number of male students competing and two of the three championships were awarded to young bright men.

Edwin Reid Plainfield Spelling Bee grand champion



Edwin Reid, student at Hubbard Middle School in Plainfield, was the Grand Prize winner at the annual Spelling Bee held at Plainfield High School. Edwin will represent Plainfield Schools in Washington, DC in May at the National Championship Spelling Bee.

photo by Glen Frieson

Lindamichelebaron (right), noted children's author and lecturer, was recently in Jersey City's Public School #24 to encourage student writers and critique their works. Shanta Pressley, P.S. #24 student, shares her original writings with the author.

photo by Glen Frieson



RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

NEW YORK—McDonald's Gospel-Fest preliminaries at Calvary UWP Baptist Church in Brooklyn. For information call 212-527-8800.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

PLAINFIELD—Spring Choral Concert featuring the solemn Mass of Louis Vienne and the Wedding Cantata of Daniel Frahnham, 3 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Front Street.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

NEW YORK—McDonald's Gospel-Fest preliminaries at First Church of 4 p.m. at 4th St. in Queens. For information call 212-527-8800.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

SUMMIT—First Unitarian Society will hold "Vespers for Peace" services at 4 p.m. at 1000 Main St. For information call 201-756-0770.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

PLAINFIELD—Women's Day Church Services at the Mt. Zion AME Church, 11 a.m., 525 West Fourth Street. At 3 p.m. there will be a Women's Day Concert.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

NEW YORK—McDonald's Gospel-Fest semi-final competition at Antioch Baptist Church on West 125th Street in Harlem. For information call 212-527-8800.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

NEW YORK—McDonald's Gospel-Fest final competition and concert at Calvary UWP Baptist Church. For information call 212-527-8800.

Stop pointing fingers

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plea of other victims of police brutality who have come to Council meetings to register complaints. Voters would like to review their individual records, but the council members and not be fooled by their attempts to run for cover now, and lay all the blame at Mayor Mitchell's door.

In particular, all those African American officials who are afraid to speak out against racism and bigotry, which is at the root cause of these actions in the majority of cases, need to tackle their own fears and insecurities. If they are too scared and weak-kneed to confront those individuals who still believe and behave like our people are second class citizens, they need to resign and get out of the way. Their slave mentality is helping to kill our people. And while they may not be physically on the scene when our people are being victimized, they are just as guilty, because they refuse to demand and obtain justice for us. Therefore, what good are they? Why have African Americans or Hispanics elected as governors,

Can your mind make you sick?

by Paul M. Lehrer, Ph.D.

Your boss made an impossible request just before your vacation. Can the stress of coping with the task actually affect your body?

Indeed, the mind can produce measurable physical changes. Intense or continuous stress, for example, can affect the immune system, blood pressure and even the level of cholesterol in your blood.

Medical students under the pressure of exams have been found to have elevated cholesterol levels, higher than if they had eaten cholesterol-laden meals. Studies of immune system activity show that for one to two weeks after a period of extreme stress the body is more prone to contracting an infectious disease because its immune cells have been weakened.

It is estimated that stress may be a factor in up to 70 percent of outpatient visits to physicians, although real physical problems may be present in most of these cases. Blood sugar levels, heightened by stress, can aggravate diabetic conditions. Gastrointestinal problems, such as irritable bowel and ulcers, are sometimes stress-related.

In some people, even the belief that they will get sick can cause illness. Some asthmatics, for example, if told that a certain substance will cause an attack, will react even if the substance is harmless.

Generally, the body is well-equipped to fight infection and adjust to stress. In fact, there is evidence that some stress actually improves immune function. Therefore, one should not retreat and be afraid to get sick, but should lead an active, fulfilling life that includes some stress.

How much is too much depends on the individual, his heredity, his body's immune structure and his lifestyle habits, such as whether he smokes, drinks alcohol or has poor nutrition. All of these can predispose one to disease.

Individuals also have different stress tolerances. For example, coping can depend on how effective a person is in handling problems. If you don't magnify small

difficulties into major obstacles, you will help keep stress under control.

The old Greek adage, "A sound mind in a sound body," is still valid. So when you get that annoying pre-vacation assignment—or some other unexpected task—meet the challenge with a positive attitude. You'll get the job done, you won't get a headache, and leaving for the day will be all the more gratifying.

We as a people

take the leadership role and articulate our concerns. We need you to insure that services are delivered. We don't need pseudo-leaders who talk loud and say nothing. We need you to project a professional image in City Hall and while sitting on Council.

Where are the respectable, responsible parents who take an active interest in their children's behavior and education? Why don't they speak up when their children's classrooms are disrupted by individuals who can't cope academically? Isn't their children's education important enough to come to the school and tell those in authority that they are not going to tolerate disruptive behavior? Why can't teachers discipline principals be firm and not tolerate disruptive behavior? Why can't we put parents of disruptive students on notice that they will be held accountable for their children's behavior or the courts will intervene. They, also, must be made to respect the facts and not deface it with graffiti nor kick holes in the walls, etc.

These structures are a legacy for generations to come. Further, we must not be driven to private institutions to educate our children because that means that we are paying twice for that education, rather we must remain steadfast and demand that our schools measure up and even surpass the standards. How can that be accomplished? By putting those who are responsible for the education of our children on notice that we are not getting what we are paying for and we are not going to tolerate it any longer. Why should we let 12 or 15 disruptive students prevent the majority to be educated? No longer are we going to pay double to educate our children. And we must

never forget that the educational system in America was not intended for us; therefore, we must

a freedom we've earned.

In addition, our politicians must be held accountable and we must require them to project the highest standards and ideals because they are to be role models for our children. We are no longer going to let the Marion Barry's be the epitome of success. We have the strength to succeed. We have come to far and we have what the Reverend Dr. J.H. Jackson alluded to when he addressed the 73rd NAACP Annual Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, "We've got something that fire cannot burn and water cannot drown. We've got determination, we are a great people, so let's act like it."

Edward Long is a Plainfield Resident and Community Activist.

Women of the Heavenly King

The Women's Day Committee of Mt. Zion AME Church, 525 West Fourth Street, Plainfield, celebrates Women's Day with the theme "Women of the Heavenly King, Marching to Zion," sponsoring a Luncheon Fashion Show featuring Emily Miles and the Bell Models Models, Saturday, April 13, from 12-4 p.m. at the Cosmo Inn. Chairperson is Sheri Alexander.

At Newark Emergency Services for Families "Services" Is Often Spelled A-I-D-S

Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. (NESF) takes pride in its reputation; it is known for compassionate understanding and help. NESF takes quick action on behalf of those in emergency situations. When all else fails, those up against eviction, gas and electricity shut-off, even hunger receive food vouchers or a check for the landlord or utilities company if they meet the eligibility criteria.

Clients who come in or call our 24-hour hotline are given counseling and referred to whatever agency has the type of resources they need. As a member of an area-wide agency network, NESF can quickly locate resources so that client waiting time and worry are minimized.

The network permits matching available resources with the needs of literally thousands of destitute, homeless, handicapped, and working poor people, and crime victims.

These days at NESF, however, we are seeing more and more of a new kind of client: Those diagnosed with AIDS.

They live in constant jeopardy: They are homeless, destitute, and patiently waiting for a cure for their illness. Along with pain and mental anguish, AIDS-infected persons suffer a little-known side-effect: loneliness. They are often abandoned by family, friends, and in some cases by those who care for the sick, the medical profession.

At NESF, no client is ever shunned. We do everything in our power to put all clients at ease. We attempt to get them the help they need as quickly as possible. Our case managers have in-depth AIDS training; they know what to do and can handle any crisis situation.

The greatest need of the AIDS clients that our case managers see is finding a place to live. Most shelters won't take them simply because they have AIDS. The problem is so bad that, after check-ups or treatment at the free clinics, AIDS patients often ask if they can "hang out for a while." They have nowhere else to go.

This is where NESF's membership in the resource network pays off. The case manager checks all locations listed until a shelter is found that will agree to take the client. Thus the network is instrumental in finding short-term assistance in the form of a place to live.

Thereafter, every effort is made to provide long-term assistance. Again, using the network, financial assistance is sought. NESF usually refers clients to such agencies as the Social Security Administration or the welfare department. Armed with a good working knowledge of clients' rights, the NESF caseworker advocates on the client's behalf, intercedes to get supplemental security income or welfare benefits. The goal is to provide permanent financial help: the life that will afford some comfort and help ease their burden.

At NESF we do all we can to foster a spirit of helping people help themselves. From the top down, our workers are caring professionals. Their credo follows closely that of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, who declared, "If I can help someone, then my living will not be in vain."

FOR QUICK ASSISTANCE CALL

NEWARK EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR FAMILIES, INC. HOTLINE 824-0013

Listed below are a few other members of our Resource Network.

NJ State AIDS Hotline 1-800-624-2377

Yachin Foundation Hotline 1-800-433-0254 Monday-Friday 10 am - 10 pm

AIDS Resource Foundation for Children 182 Rosville Av., 201-483-4250 9 am-5 pm

Child Watch

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tion would feel," says Traci. But she feared the message in her song might not be "strong enough" to win the competition. The judges for the 12 final entries, who included a newspaper rock critic, an advice columnist, and two young Hollywood actresses, obviously thought differently.

The more direct approach also appealed to the judges, however. Parents Too Soon has a confidential hotline which refers teens to appropriate health or social service agencies in their community.

In Elton's entry, she gave this hotline number some extra publicity. Her final verse reads: "Now I have a baby. It's almost like a prison can't stay out late anymore 'cause I always have to be with him/let's not a baby doll. I just can't leave him there/He demands my full attention. And there's the never ending care/My life needs some direction, any help is a must/ I'll try this phone number 1-800-4-CALL-US."

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund, a national voice for children.

Commodities Available for April

NEWARK—The April distribution of TEFAP commodities in Essex County is scheduled for April 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 and 11. The package of commodities will include—depending upon availability—butter, flour, cornmeal, applesauce, canned beef, canned pork, rice, vegetable beans and green beans.

All organizations registered with Ferry Street Commodities that would like to participate in this distribution must make an appointment by April 1. Individuals should contact their Department of Social Services for further information.

To make an appointment or for more information about the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) please contact Paul Salas, Commodities Manager, at 344-2400.

Ferry Street Commodities is located at 436 Ferry Street in Newark.

Participation in TEFAP is open to all eligible recipients, regardless of race, color, religion, age, handicap, sex or national origin.

Namibia marks first year

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dated. Given the legacy of violence and injustice, Namibia declared that Namibia's greatest achievement was its ability to maintain peace. Other strides include implementation of a universal immunization program which is providing immunization to Black Namibian children for the first time ever. Emergency remedies for drought and famine stricken areas were also implemented and almost all of the former apartheid laws have been dismantled.

But the young nation is saddled with a relatively large debt of \$500 million left by the South African administration, along with a bloated, predominantly white civil service force. A policy of national reconciliation has ensured protection for whites who helped to hold down South Africa's racist rule of Namibia.

The thorny realities of disengagement of Namibia—totally dependent on the South African economy—are among the greatest challenges.

Unemployment is estimated to be higher than 30 percent. The dual economy which translates

into a wide gap between the privileged white minority and the oppressed Black majority is still in place. Massive illiteracy, inadequate housing, non-existent preventive medicine and a host of other social and economic conditions plague the majority population.

Despite the difficulties, Namibia—long the center of international debate—is beginning to determine its own future. The transition between colonization and self-rule is most dramatically represented by the issue of Walvis Bay, Namibia's only seaport. Negotiations between Namibia and South Africa began in March over the enclave which South Africa refuses to relinquish.

Walvis Bay can provide a vital link to Namibia's fishing industry and other commerce. When negotiations broke down between the two governments, Namibia's Foreign Minister Theodor Ben Gurib stated, "The world was perhaps expecting miracles, but the fact that we are standing here next to each other is a step in the right direction."

Life is full of surprises...



The bad news is that young Ryan decided to paint the family car.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 14

NEWARK—Newark Community of the Arts dance workshops at fourth floor space Symphony Hall. \$3. Information call 201-642-0133.

PLAINFIELD—The "It's a Small World" King's Daughters Day School photo exhibit opens at the Plainfield Public Library.

PLAINFIELD—The Artoz Spring Concert will be performed at the Plainfield Public Library at Park Avenue and West Eighth Street. Admission is free.

PLAINFIELD—African-American Art Exhibition and Sale and a special signing by featured artist James Ransome at Starling Creations, 7211 W. 8th Street. Information call (908) 668-7725.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

WESTFIELD—The Westfield Symphony Orchestra presents Mozart, Don Giovanni at the Presbyterian Church. For information call 201-222-8400.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

NEWARK—Newark Community of the Arts dance workshops at fourth floor space Symphony Hall. \$3. Information call 201-642-0133.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

PLAINFIELD—Edoos of Ellington at Great Avenue Community Center, 407 W. 7th St. through May 5. Information call 908-561-1123.

First Friday night at the opera

NEWARK—On Friday evening, April 12, First Friday Group Inc. will host a special preview performance of the New Jersey State Opera's world premiere production of *Frederick Douglass* by New Jersey African American composer, Ulysses Kay.

The performance, held at Symphony Hall, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the special price of \$25 downstairs and \$20 upstairs in the hall. Following the performance First Friday will host a reception in the Terrace Room of Symphony Hall free of charge.

Tickets may be ordered by calling the State Opera box office at 201-623-5775. A section will be reserved for First Friday members. Proceeds will be used to underwrite the Opera's educational program in the schools.

The gala world premiere performance of this *Frederick Douglass* opera will take place on Sunday evening, April 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Planning for 7th Annual Newark Festival of people under way

NEWARK—The 7th Annual Newark Festival of People will take place Saturday, September 28, 1991 at PSEG Park, Military Park and the immediate vicinity according to Andrew Pappachen, the Festival's newly created Third President and Supervising Engineer at Newark's Division of Water/Sewer Utility.

The Newark Festival of People is an annual event which features the best aspects of the city: interesting and delicious cuisine, a wide variety of entertainment, information and culture. Founded in 1985 by public relations consultant, Estelle Verner David, the Festival is the only event of its kind in Newark that brings together multi-cultural population of people who live, work and go to school here, for a day of celebration and fun.

This year, the planning committee will strive to bring more multi-cultural participation to the Festival and will present more arts, crafts and exhibits that reflect the various ethnic groups in Newark," Pappachen said. "This year's Festival will also salute Newark's 325-year history.

We, therefore, invite representatives from community organizations to contribute their ideas and lend their support to this very important event.

In previous years, funding and additional support has been provided by the City of Newark, Public Service Electric & Gas (PSE&G), Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts through grant funds administered by the Essex County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs.

Vendors, exhibitors and volunteers should write the Newark Festival of People, P.O. Box 1055, Newark, NJ 07101 for additional information.

As I See It...

that and will be as helpful to her in the transition as I can."

"Didn't anybody ever tell Keith Jones 'nice guys' finish last? I don't know about Mrs. James but it's for sure Newark's flamboyant mayor has strong political wings and when he flies nobody knows where he's going to land next."

Well, Tony Imperiale is at it again. This time he says he will run for Essex County Sheriff. That should make the race very interesting. He will challenge Arthur Clay in the Republican primary. Clay is currently an Essex County Freeholder and is a former undersheriff who now wants the top job.

Imperiale and Clay expressed more than a little interest in the



A PERFECT MATCH—Jalliah A. Muhammad of Montclair tried her luck in the Christian Brothers Brandy Perfect Match Game and won the grand prize—a date with the "Count" Stivali who plays Dr. Cal Cummings on the hit daytime Soap Opera "All My Children." Christian Brothers Brandy is hosting a series of events in New Jersey and six other cities called the "Perfect Match Game" to assist local organizations in raising funds for their local charities. The New Jersey Games cohosted by: Black Friday, Omega Psi Phi, the Biddispheres/The Garden State Bar Association, and the GoColona Temple No. 24, Shriners.

Plainfield Symphony holds annual auction

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Symphony will present a fund raiser "A Starling Affair," its fifth annual auction on Saturday, April 13 in the lobby of the United National Bank, Park Avenue and Second Street.

Members of the symphony will provide music throughout the preview and silent bidding. A champagne reception will begin at 6 p.m. with the auction starting at 8 p.m. Tickets at \$15 are available through the Symphony or at the door. Call 908-561-5140.

And in Newark on April 4...

Frontline Artists presents "From 'The Way Of The Whirlwind: Towards A People's History Of The Black Panther Party," at the Newark Public Library, 5 Washington Street, Newark, New Jersey at 7 p.m. Guest Lecturer will be Dr. Kwando Kinshasa of Medger Evers College-New York. Dr. Kinshasa is a former member of the New York Branch of the Party.

This forum is the first in a series of popular history forums on the Black Panther Party featuring former Party members.

This forum will also include a Special Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee. Admission is free. For further information, please call (201) 622-2505.

Gina Revue will be the next guest vocalist at Newark Symphony Hall's "First Thursday" jazz series in its Terrace Room at 1030 Broad Street, Newark, on Thursday, April 4 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Attendance is free. There is also a complimentary buffet. Mrs. Revue has performed at Club Bogies in East Orange, Club LaPrairie in Orange and Club 88 of New Jersey. She has also played many colleges in the area, the Apollo and Sweetwaters in New York, and toured the South and Caribbean.

Essence Magazine has found her, "A stylist of rare form. Her voice is soothing to one's soul."

For information call 201-643-4550.

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job after the news leaked that former Newark Police Director Louis Greenleaf has registered as a Republican and may be the party-supported candidate.

We should have known something was up when Imperiale suddenly began showing up on teevee talk shows banned in the metropolitan area.

In recent weeks Dan Blue of the Newark Housing Authority has been coming up with some credible initiatives to improve the quality of life in public housing. It was hard to believe he could be in trouble and would have any kind of difficulty getting the Authority board to hammer out a new contract when his old one expires this Fall.

But when individual members

of the board begin paying "courtesy calls" to influential politicians, look out. There's something more afoot than touching base with Newark city hall just for the heck of it. Particularly when the messenger represents a powerful housing group and the senior citizen community.

Sources close to city hall shakers and movers swear the Fire Director and the Police Director are giving the mayor a couple of king-sized headaches he's trying to cure diplomatically. But it's not always easy to fire a guy who's entrenched in a sensitive position.

All of you who doubted Dr. Columbus Salley would survive

the Newark school system take heed! Since quitting his job as superintendent Salley got serious about his entrepreneurial skills, founded Ivory Foods Inc., of which he is president/CEO and recently became a trustee-at-large for the National Advertising Program, Inc. That means more money, more contacts, more success for the man who refuse to roll over and play dead.

Hooks says L.A. Chief must go!

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corporate America, can't sing the first verse of the Negro National Anthem." He continued, "And blacks who say they can't find the NAACP to become a member, but let the police hit him beside his head, he can find the NAACP then, even in the land of night!"

Hooks disputed L.A.D. Chief Gates' description of his police officers violent acts as "an aberration." Hooks then declared, "Gates must go!" as the packed audience repeatedly joined their voices with his.

In a manner and tone, attributed to African American Baptist preachers, and of his own black pride, the 66-year-old civil rights leader ended his remarks to the attentive crowd with the words of a favorite spiritual of African American church goers — "I don't feel no way dread, I've come this far from where I started from. But nobody told me that the road would be easy; I don't believe I've brought me this far to leave me."

Plainfield must revise budget

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needs through June 30.

The legislation was passed (last Thursday) as we were meeting," said City Administrator, Jewel Thompson-Chin. The council surprised by the lack of time before the deadline decided to meet April 2 to discuss the figures before the introduction. The proposed budget will have to be approved for public viewing and adopted by April 27 or Barry Stokowski, the state director of Local Government will set the budget for the city, according to Chin.

This change of setting a 6-month budget will bring the fiscal year of distressed cities aid parallel with the state's and will possibly shorten the city's wait for aid, due to the state's late budget process.

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TOP STORIES: MARTHA WASH TARGETS C&C MUSIC FACTORY
SMOKEY LEAVES MOTOWN
RUN DMC EXCHANGES WORDS WITH M.C. HAMMER

From Bailey Broadcasting Services Via SARA Syndication.

Martha Wash's Latest Target-C&C Music Factory: C&C Music Factory has an across the board smash with the platinum hit, "Gonna Make You Sweat." Producers Robert Clivillés and David Cole are the masterminds behind C&C. Not only did they produce the group but they are members as well. In fact, the C&C in the group's name stands for Cole and Clivillés. But the group's success is being tarnished by allegations that lead singer is not MC's Zela Davis but is instead former Weathergirl, Martha Wash, who also sang lead on the Black Box album. Now, if you believe Martha Wash's claims, she's recently been the voice behind some of the hottest hits on the charts. In July she filed suit against A&M records saying Cole and Clivillés used her vocals on the Seduction hit "You're My One And Only True Love." Last September she filed a suit against RCA recording act -- Black Box -- for not being credited as the actual vocalist on the group's album "Dreamworld" which spawned the hit "Everybody, Everybody" and "I Don't Know Anybody Else." (In an out of court settlement Martha got a substantial fee and an eight album contract from RCA. Plus they're financing her current tour). Then, last December, she filed suit against Columbia Records, and Cole and Clivillés, charging them with fraud, deceptive packaging, and commercial appropriation. The credits on C&C's album list Martha as a back-up and a supporting vocalist. As to "Sweat" lead singer Zela Davis, she says she got her full blown vocal chops after a minor illness that gave her a voice like a "fat woman" quote. C&C's newest single is "Here We Go, Let's Rock And Roll." If it does half as well as "Gonna Make You Sweat" this group is vocal on their way down the hitmaking trail. As to who the real singer is, only time will tell who's voice is really behind their chartbusting debut single. One thing's for sure, we haven't heard the last of Martha Wash or C&C Music Factory!...**FROM THE P.P.T (People, Places & Things) File:** Legendary Smokey Robinson has parted ways with Motown Records after more than 30 years. It was in the late fifties when Smokey was a teenager and an aspiring songwriter, that he hooked up with Berry Gordy, Jr. By 1960, Smokey was the lead singer of the Miracles with a number one hit, "Shop Around." Smokey, who's penned some of the most memorable hits of all time, was also a company man present. Now 51, he has supposedly been unhappy at the company since Motown founder and close friend Berry Gordy, Jr. sold it in 1988...When Basic Black arrived on the R&B music scene they brought with them loads of controversy. Sounding alot like top group Guy, they were managed by Guy's former manager Gene Griffin, who had a bitter parting with Guy w/ kid Teddy Riley. Basic Black (Darrell Adams, Walter Scott, Lloyd Turner, and Kelvin Bradshaw) started off as the band for Guy and Today. Rumor had it, following Basic Black's signing with Motown, that Teddy refused to produce anymore Motown acts. That move was an about face from an alleged earlier statement saying he had no problem with Basic Black being at Motown. Basic Black says they didn't dis Teddy, Guy or Today and that they were meant to be a solo act all along. Last year, Teddy Riley and Gene Griffin settled their legal differences out of court. In the meantime, Basic Black is going full speed ahead in forgetting the troubles that surrounded the group's entry into their music career, with their current single "Whatever It Takes".

Feedback Line: Got a question or a beef? Just call us at Grafton Gayle from Atlanta, Georgia did. She was a little concerned about MC Hammer dissin' Run DMC. And while we're sure Run DMC appreciates your loyalty, Grafton, they're not a bit worried about what Hammer's saying about them. In fact, they had a couple of things to say about the Hammer themselves. "He's the same guy that came out in the first two videos and dressed guys up like Run DMC and pushed them down to get to the top. And now when he shakes my hand, he puts his head down and shakes it, because he did that to Run DMC." And that pretty much says it all...Got a question or comment on any RadioScope story? Just call the Feedback Line at (213) 257-2354.

CITY BUSINESS

BUSINESS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

ENGLEWOOD—Empowerment of African Americans Through Entrepreneurship sponsored by the Coalition of 100 Black Women, Bergen/Pasieque Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Bergen County Alumnae Chapter, Small Business workshop from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Englewood. For information call 833-2571.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

NEWARK—The Small Business Administration and the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration are cosponsoring a "Marketplace" trade mission to Hong Kong and Singapore to introduce American companies to new marketing opportunities abroad. For information call Herb Austin at the SBA 201-645-6564 or Yvonne Jackson 202-377-6785.

Business Exchange

Yo' Mama Wears Nike

by William Reed

Last summer "Just Do It" was the theme used by Operation PUSH in their quest for a national African-American boycott of Nike sportswear products. As Black America enters Spring 1991, we now find that, "Bo know best" and black boycotters don't know "Didley," because Operation PUSH is now on the verge of bankruptcy, the Nike Company's profits are soaring higher than Michael Jordan, and African-Americans have been buying Nike shoes and sportswear by the carload.

Before PUSH went bust, they cited that Beaverton, Oregon-based Nike Corporation had a woefully poor record of black employment and overall business

dealings with blacks and their companies and banks. In August 1990 PUSH executive director, Tyrone Cridler, and his founder, Jesse Jackson, called on African-Americans not to purchase Nike products and asked those who already owned such items to cover the Nike logo with masking tape. Following Cridler and Jackson's lead, black newspapers, talk shows and activists devoted much time, air time and discussion on the black, urging blacks to, "Just do it," and teach Nike a consumer lesson about dissin' us.

But while our opinion-molders were dissin' Nike about their dissin' us, the sneaker maker snuck up and made \$2.23 billion in 1990 revenues. While black preachers, and their press, were stressing Nike's need for a program of social responsibility,

African-American teenagers, college students and boomer-boys were stressing their need for style and materialism. At the expense of Black Enterprise and solidarity black consumers, and their Moms, were increasing Nike's profits by fully 25 percent by buying \$120 per pair Air Jordans three at a time. While black activists were trying to "git paid" through increased reciprocity for black groups and institutions from Nike, black celebrities such as Bo Jackson, David Robinson, John Thompson and Spike Lee each were gettin' paid more than \$200,000 annually for being consultants to Nike and helpin' to keep the black market in line.

Why would Yo' Mama, sister, and brother continue to buy Nike products when they keep putting it in our faces that they have no

intentions of hiring black executives in policy-making positions in the company, nor takin' care of any kind of business with black banks or ad agencies? Don't our homeboys, and girls, have any sense of self-pride, esteem or confidence in the black race to forcefully speak with unity and defiance against Nike and any of the other consumer companies who outrageously dis' us?

A 20-year-old black institution, Operation PUSH, is almost out of business. A new business, born in the 80s, that strongly represents the national system of institutional racism is soaring in profits, much of it provided by us. The people in Mr. Robinson's old neighborhood, which is still in the same sad shape that it has always been, are still offering up 25 percent of Nike's annual profits. Where and what is our (black) system of values, pride and val-

idation? Will we help PUSH through these times? Will black mothers decide to withdraw their consumer dollars from companies such as Nike who take and give nothin' back? Will all of our institutions have to suffer the public display of impotence that we've acted on for years?

While we have, to date, showed our inability to control our collective economic destinies, Nike continues to "Just do it" to us. While it is right in our faces, isn't it time again for black-oriented talk shows, newspapers, preachers, and professional and civic groups to raise the question of Nike's zero performance toward us. It is moral and just for us to fight for and demand our consumer rights and respect. If equity and parity is ever to be, surely the solution to this problem is up to the actions of people of color, like you and me.

Coalition for Low Income Housing reports delay in NHA housing starts

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all land for the four projects had been obtained and construction would begin between December 1990 and March 1991. The Coalition reports that construction has not begun on any of these projects. Regina Latimore, a public housing tenant of Kretschmer Homes and a Coalition Board Member stated, "The NHA promised to give tenants new and better housing and they have dealt with the issue long enough. It's only fair that the NHA now come through with what they said, to build decent, safe and affordable apartments for tenants."

Recently, the NHA announced a plan to revise the construction provisions for replacing the units at Columbus Homes. The plan called for speeding the pace of demolition by allowing

one building to be demolished as construction on a new housing project begins. Coalition trustees rejected the NHA's plan. According to Vic DeLuca, Coalition Chairperson, "Their plan quickens demolition, not new construction. It's a shame that the NHA points to faster demolition as a measure of progress instead of building new units. If Columbus Homes is still standing, it is the fault of the NHA because they have failed to live up to their agreement to build housing in a timely fashion. This leads us to question the commitment of the NHA to provide housing to Newark's low-income population. With over 500 homeless families living in local shelters and hotels and an estimated 10,000 homeless people in Newark, it is scandalous that there is no sense of urgency

by government officials to construct this housing."

In the revised construction timetable which was issued by the NHA last month, the NHA showed that groundbreaking for all of the first 100 of the 465 units will not begin until next winter.

According to the Coalition, despite earlier claims by the NHA that it had obtained sufficient land to construct the first four projects, the NHA must shift one of these projects to the site opposite Scudder Homes. Coalition Trustees object to the site change because it believes public housing should be built in all areas of the city. Ed

Dominquez, Executive Director of Focus and a Coalition Board Member, called the land switch "unjust" citing the NHA's previous "original commitment to the people of that area to build low income housing."

According to Stephen Finn, Director of the Coalition's monitoring project, "New public housing must be built faster. The Coalition will take all measures to ensure that the requirements of the Settlement Agreement, to provide public housing for Newark's people in need, are fulfilled. We encourage all those truly concerned to join with us to create this housing."

The Coalition has requested the City Council extend its ordinance past its May 1991 deadline for providing land for one of the

first four projects. The Coalition will also request that the City provide additional land, where necessary, to ensure that all housing to be constructed under the Settlement Agreement totaling 1,777 units is built (including those units from future stages).

The Newark Coalition for Low-Income Housing's members include residents of public housing and other concerned members of the community and organizations advocating for low income housing in Newark.

The Newark Housing Coalition was formed in the fall of 1983 in response to the growing shortage of affordable housing for the city's low income families, and plans the Newark Housing authority (NHA) to reduce over 5,000 public housing units.

Community Safety Forum

Parents are urged to attend accompanied by children of school age and to participate in the workshops on personal safety, home security, car theft, substance abuse and vandalism. The workshops will be presented by the Essex County Crime Prevention Officers Association and the Crime Prevention Officers Association of the Newark Police Department.

Operation Return to help Persian Gulf war vets, families

(NNPA)—The National Association for Black Veterans (NAB-V) is developing a "Working Group" of private and public organizations to implement an advocacy program to assist Persian Gulf war veterans' return to civilian life.

Labeled "Operation Return," the program hopes to ensure that the same spirit and resources that engineered the successful conclusion of Persian Gulf war operations be brought to bear to assist veterans, particularly African American veterans, as they make the transition from military to civilian life.

According to Thomas H. Wynn, Sr., NAB-V's director of organizational development: the African American Persian Gulf war veterans faces coming back to a troubled domestic situation involving racial discrimination and limited employment, which provide few opportunities outside the military.

"Immediate action is needed to organize on the home front in order to eliminate the limited civilian opportunities encountered by African American veterans," Wynn pointed out.

African Americans have proudly served, fought and died in all wars involving the United States, Wynn said. "Historically, African American veterans have always faced enormous problems that wars their and theirs alone — once they returned from military duty. For example," Wynn said, "the unemployment rate for African Americans is three times that of White veterans. African Americans receive a greater proportion of other-than-honorable discharges, and 55 percent of all incarcerated veterans and 50 percent of all homeless veterans are African American."

"Operation Return," said Wynn, is designed to insure: a) current programs and services actually reach minority veterans and their families; b) new programs and services are created to address the unrecognized or unforeseen needs of veterans; and c) government and private resources are organized to improve

the opportunities of minority veterans success in civilian life.

A long range goal of "Operation Return," according to Wynn, is to establish a nationwide model program that would address the problems and needs of minority veterans that will indirectly impact positively on the economic and social problems experienced by low income minorities.

The outgrowth of an organization founded in 1969 called the Interested Veterans of the Central City (IVCCC) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, NAB-V is the result of IVCCC cooperation with other veterans service programs. Established in 1973 as an advocacy organization, NAB-V has been on the "front line" addressing the problems, concerns and issues related to minority veterans from its inception.

On a national level, NAB-V has established a solid advocacy and lobbying base through its Capitol Bureau in Washington, D.C. Through the Bureau, NAB-V also coordinates program efforts with other national organizations that are of interest to African American and other minority veterans, and their families.

In addition to its advocacy role, NAB-V has provided services designed to improve the quality of life for the nation's minority veterans.

Humorist, activist and nutritionist Dick Gregory has been quoted as saying, "Somewhere, somewhere, Americans will have to deal with the endless contradictions that surround them. Like living in a country that's quick to send its sons and daughters to war, and slow to take care of them when they come home."

"This statement is particularly true," Wynn concurred, "when you took at the situation faced by minority, especially African American veterans."

Additional information regarding "Operation Return" and other NAB-V initiatives may be obtained by contacting NAB-V headquarters in Milwaukee at 1-800-845-4597.

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TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD

Sealed proposals will be received by the Purchasing Committee of the Township of Bloomfield in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, Bloomfield, New Jersey, on Monday, April 8, 1991 at 10:00 a.m., prevailing time, and publicly opened and read aloud.

Copies of specifications and contract documents for the Residential Rehabilitation project (Application #462) are open to inspection in the Department of Community Development and Inspections, Municipal Building, Room 105, Bloomfield, N.J., and may be secured from said office. This project will involve the following work and/or trades:

- A. Roofing
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Copies of specifications and contract documents for this Residential Rehabilitation project (Application #450) are open to inspection in the Department of Community Development and Inspections, Municipal Building, Room 105, Bloomfield, N.J., and may be secured from said office. This project will involve the following work and/or trades:

- A. Roofing
B. Painting
C. Dry Wall

Bids must be made on proposal forms and must be enclosed in sealed, specially addressed envelopes bearing the title, Residential Rehabilitation Department of Community Development and Inspections, Township of Bloomfield accompanied by the Application Number. The address of the bidder and work bid upon, must be delivered at the above place at the time designated. Bids not enclosed in specially addressed envelopes will be considered informal and will not be opened.

The Township Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids on any or all items in the proposal; to increase or decrease or eliminate such items as may be necessary for the adoption of any alternate; to accept that bid which in its judgment best serves its interest; to waive any informality or irregularities in the bids received and to accept the bid from the lowest responsible bidder.

By order of the Township Council
Frank R. Domenick
Director of Community Development and Inspections

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW JERSEY TRANSIT administers the Union Mass Transportation Administration's Section 16(b)(2) Program in the State of New Jersey. The goal of the Section 16(b)(2) Program in the State of New Jersey is to provide capital assistance in meeting the transportation needs of disabled persons where public transportation services are unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate.

NEW JERSEY TRANSIT is now accepting applications from private non-profit organizations who wish to apply for a vehicle to transport senior and/or disabled residents within their community under this grant program. It is the intention to award a fiscal year 1991 grant application to the federal government in the spring of this year. The total amount of federal dollars available under this grant is \$1,062,920.

NEW JERSEY TRANSIT encourages minority based organizations to apply for equipment under the Section 16(b)(2) Program. Those private non-profit organizations wishing to receive an application can request an application by writing:

NEW JERSEY TRANSIT
Office of Special Services
P.O. Box 10009
Newark, New Jersey 07101
Attn: Bob Kotis

Eligible organizations may request an application by telephone by calling (201) 643-4602.

The closing date for New Jersey Transit to accept applications is April 19, 1991.

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A Minority Business Enterprise is defined as a business which is owned or controlled by one or more socially disadvantaged persons such as:

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The Newark Ward Commission will hold a special meeting on April 3 and 4, 1991 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 411 of the Hall of Records, 485 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Newark, N.J., for the purpose of adopting a schedule of a public hearing date; establishing an appropriate list of newspapers for advertising said meetings and to review any proposals submitted by the commission's planner. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that formal action may be taken at this meeting.

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CITY SPORTS

Why "we" identify with the Runnin' Rebels

by Fern Taylor

By the time you read this column, the UNLV invitational, otherwise known as the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Final Four, will be over. And UNLV will most likely have won crowned national champions for the second straight year.

And a lot of America will be highly upset.

Or something catastrophic may have occurred, like UNLV being upset by Duke, Kansas or North Carolina.

Then most of America will be highly jubilant. Especially if it's Duke.

What causes this phenomena? In my opinion, there's two reasons.

Part of it is because 34-0 UNLV is just too good. America loves the underdog, loves suspense, loves the unpredictability that most sporting events bring.

With UNLV, suspense got stolen once the NCAA allowed Hunt and Greg Anthony have 3-point Dumbo. Unpredictability is unmerciful. And Larry Johnson and Stacey Augmon have taken care of Mr. Underdog by tomahawk-slammings that idea through the hoop off the break.

That's one reason. The other is because of UNLV's image — a team of arrogant African-American renegades who ought to be on probation anyway. Plus, they win too much.

Move over Detroit, UNLV are the new Bad Boys of the hardwood. Larry Johnson, all 6'9", 245 pounds of All-American

muscle, doesn't mind woofin' in your face after taking you down low and slammings on you. Whatcha gonna do, hit em? Greg Anthony and Anderson Hunt can often be seen talking trash. Stacey

Augmon has pointed a few fingers in his day, too.

Arrogant, those Rebels, says America. On the court that is.

I believe African-American hoop fans understand better than the average white fan about these set of Rebels. That their actions on the court does not necessarily define their character off the court.

Consequently, despite (or maybe because of) its perceived arrogance (there is a fine line between arrogance and confidence) young black people identify with the Runnin' Rebels. Take a look next time they're walking on Broad Street in Newark, Front Street in Plainfield, or Springfield Avenue in Irvington. A sea of red and white UNLV shirts, shorts, and hats are as popular as Air Jordan shirts.

I don't think black people like arrogance or disrespect — the type of behavior UNLV players are always (and at times, justifiably) accused of — any less than other people. It's not the bad behavior which drives me to this team. Maybe it's because, to some degree, the Runnin' Rebels embody the self-pride African-Americans exhibited in the "I'm Black and I'm Proud" era of the 60's, and which Public Enemy has rediscovered in the 90's.

The 1989-1990 UNLV should be honored, alongside UCLA in 1972-73, as one of the greatest

basketball teams ever. And they will get that honor. And a lot of people will continue to be upset about it.

Are you ready for Tyson-Ruddock II?

The first bout between Iron Mike and Razor was cut up by a ridiculous stoppage in the seventh round by referee Richard Steele. Up to that point, many were just

glad that a heavyweight title fight went more than 90 seconds.

Maybe the second bout, scheduled for late June (Don King didn't waste any time securing those \$\$\$, did he?), shouldn't have a referee. The way these guys hit, who needs a ref? The last Gladiator to survive the Allied bombing offensive (a.k.a., one another's paralyzing blows) wins.

Auction to benefit Newark families in crisis

NEWARK — Newark Emergency Services for Families Inc. is sponsoring its seventh annual benefit auction. The event will be held Tuesday April 30, 4:00 p.m. at the Mutual Benefit Life building in the Pelican Room. This auction is the major annual fund raiser for the group. NESF provides emergency counseling, financial aid and other assistance to families in crisis. The auctions have been a novel way for caring people of our community to support crucial services this agency provides.

Auction 91, entitled "Passport To Adventure" will feature travel

and leisure products and services. You are invited to attend. You can pick up an exotic item, help a worthy cause and have a good time all at the same time.

In past auctions, NESF has sold off champagne swim parties, cruises around New York harbor, clothes, dinners at top restaurants, bicycles, radios, VCR's and other items. Your support of the exciting event will enable NESF to continue helping to stabilize thousands of families in crisis.

To find out more call (201) 643-5727.

Plainfield community forums

PLAINFIELD — Mayor Harold W. Mitchell announced that, under his direction, the Plainfield Human Relations Commission will be hosting three Community Forums specifically to provide an opportunity for the community to express its concerns about the Plainfield Police Department. The motivation for this Forum resulted from recent alleged charges of police brutality.

The first meeting will be held

on Thursday, April 4, 1991, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., in the Liberty Village Community Room, Liberty Village Apartments, Liberty and West Fourth Streets.

Mayor Mitchell stated, "We look forward to our citizens attending and contributing towards improving the relations in our community."

For further information, contact the Office of the Mayor, 753-3310.

BUFNJ to convene historic first Black Family Summit

NEWARK — The Black United Fund of New Jersey (BUFNJ) will convene for a historic first statewide summit on the Black Family. This event takes place on Thursday and Friday, April 11-12 at the Somerset Hilton Hotel, 200 Atrium Drive in Somerset, New Jersey.

The purpose of this summit is to prepare the African American community for the challenges it will face in the 21st century. It will provide a forum for community leaders, service providers, professional practitioners, scholars and others with expertise in the areas of Black family life to share knowledge and information about effective social, cultural and educational programming for African American families. Unlike other conferences which only examine problematic areas, the summit will highlight programmatic models community-based initiative, innovative treatment approaches and service programs designed particularly for implementation in the African-American community.

The mission of BUFNJ is to develop and perpetuate self-help and self-sufficiency within New Jersey's black community through fund-raising, financial support and volunteerism.

According to Lloyd J. Oxford, president, "BUFNJ believes that the family is the foundation upon which viable communities are built. Thus, its ultimate goal is to strengthen the black family and prepare it for Workforce 2000. This commitment to empower the African-American community makes BUFNJ uniquely qualified to convene the first Black Family

Summit in New Jersey, thus enabling our organization to provide continuous financial resources to community-based organizations which meet the critical human service needs of African Americans."

Program models which focus on health and social services, substance abuse, educational alternatives, teenage parent youth services, cultural and recreational activities, black male and female relations as well as others will be presented, in workshop format. Dr. Patricia Reid-Bockhart, professor of Social Work, Stockton State College and Summit coordinator, indicated that an extremely diversified group of professional from the state and the nation will present program models. Drs. Robert Hill, author of *The Strengths of the Black Family*, and Gerald Smith, president of the National Association of Black Social Workers, will serve as panelists for the opening and closing plenary sessions. Gus Henningsburg will serve as moderator.

The New Jersey Black Family Summit Steering Committee consists of an impressive group of African-American leaders representing the NAACP, New Jersey Council of Urban League Presidents, Woodrow Wilson School/Princeton University, New Jersey State Department, National Association of Black Nurses and the New Jersey Black Educators, among others.

For additional information contact Lloyd J. Oxford, president of the Black United Fund of New Jersey at (201) 624-0909.

Ethics bill

cal government officials.

"What makes a good government? It's not just having the consent of the people. It's having their trust, too," Governor Florio said. The Governor added that he was referring not just to those in Washington or Trenton, "I'm talking about this town and

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every town in New Jersey. This country and every county in the state."

"We know that a law can't guarantee ethical behavior. But it can set a standard. The standard we set today will go a long way toward restoring the people's trust," said the Governor.

Tucker calls for ethnic balance in ward alignment

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tricks. In reference to the ongoing dispute about the 1990 Census Count figures, Tucker emphasized that "even with a dispute as to the accuracy of the 1990 Census Count, we still have to work with what we have to give residents some kind of fair chance to be part of the process. With the

current makeup of the Ward Commission, timely public hearings become critical to the community."

Councilman Tucker will recommend to the Commission that the series of Public Hearings be held "over the next few weeks," in order to encourage maximum resident input.

General 1990 Census Figures of Total Population of Essex County

Grand Total	778,206			
White Population	350,985	45%		
Black Population	305,786	39%		
Hispanic (any race)	97,777	12%		
Other	23,658	4%		

The 1990 Census figures for the total population of Essex County were taken from the official count on the P.L. 94-171 counts form. However, these figures may be subject to adjustment, as the City of Newark is currently contesting these figures.

Census Population Figures City of Newark by Ward

	TOTAL	WHITE	BLACK	HISPANIC	OTHER
NORTH	62,166	15,663	9,080	26,191	1,332
EAST	69,880	23,033	14,886	20,888	1,027
WEST	86,016	8,440	49,886	7,677	1,818
SC/TH	81,881	6,118	49,886	1,807	870
CENTRAL	44,468	798	37,813	5,881	881
TOTAL	276,881	48,844	188,708	71,781	4,418

The Census population figures for the wards were obtained from the 1990 Census P.L. 94-171 (Reapportionment/Redistricting Data for Essex County). These figures may change if the City of Newark is successful in contesting the official census count.

UCC closes campuses

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least 43 percent. This lack of support by the state is outrageous, particularly in a time when our college is needed by so many students."

Dr. Brown reported enrollment for the Spring Semester is up by 11 percent over last year, which is further exacerbating the College's fiscal problems.

"Because of the downturn in the economy, many families can't afford to send their sons and daughters away to college and must look to their local community college," the UCC president said. "With the limited funding we anticipate in 1991-92, we may have to curtail enrollment

in some programs, and, indeed, may have to limit enrollment overall."

The Board of Trustees voted not to reappoint four assistant professors and 12 instructors. Eleven of them are members of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, two each in the Business and Mathematics Departments, and one in the Biology Department.

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